Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraphs [0025]-[0027] with the following amended paragraph:

[0025] The drum 30 holds a laundry [[30]] and is rotatably installed in the tub 20. And, the drum 30 includes a multitude of perforated holes 30a to make the water flow in from the tub 20. Moreover, a plurality of baffles 30b are attached to an inner circumference of the drum 30 to mix the laundry well.

[0026] A motor 40 is installed at the rear side of the tub 20 to provide a dynamic force for a rotation of the drum 30. Specifically, the motor 40 includes a stator 41 and a rotor 42 enclosing the stator 41. The stator [[42]] 41 is installed at the rear side of the tub 20 using a bracket 40a. And, the stator [[42]] 41 includes a core 41a and a core tooth 41b extending from the core 41a to have a winding coil. The rotor 42 is coupled with the driving shaft 40b, and includes a frame 42a and a magnet 42b loaded on an inner circumference of the frame 42a. And, the rotor 42 rotates by an electromagnetic force generated between the stator 41 and itself so as to rotate the driving shaft 40b and drum [[40b and]] 30 connected to each other.

[0027] Moreover, in the washing machine, installed are a water supply equipment 50 for supplying the water to the tub 20 and a drain equipment 60 for discharging the used water. The ~~drain~~ water supply equipment 50 includes a water supply pipe 51, a valve 52 provided in the water supply pipe 51, and a detergent box 53. The water supply pipe 51 is

connected to the tub 20 and extends through the housing 10 to be connected to an external water supply source. The valve 52 selectively opens or closes the water supply ~~valve~~ pipe 51, and the detergent box 53 holds a predetermined amount of a detergent therein. Hence, once the valve 52 is turned on, the water follows the water supply pipe 51 from the water supply source to be supplied to the tub 20 together with the detergent via the detergent box 53. Moreover, the drain equipment 60 includes a first drainpipe 61, a pump 62, and a second drainpipe 63. Specifically, the first drainpipe 61 is connected to the tub 20 and the pump 62 and the second drainpipe 63 is connected to the pump 62 to extend outside the washing machine through the housing 10.

Please replace paragraphs [0030] with the following amended paragraph:

[0030] While the above-constructed washing machine operates, water contents are condensed on an outer circumference of the tub 20 or an inside of the housing 10 due to a temperature difference to produce water (e.g., water drops). Specifically, when the water in the tub 20 is heated, the condensed water is mainly produced on the tub 20 and the housing 10. Besides, the water may leak from the tub 20 or the water supply/drain equipments 50 and 60. Such water may flow along the outer circumference of the tub 20 or falls out of the housing to enter the various electric equipments. Specifically, since the electric equipments such as the motor 40 and the heater 70 are installed at the tub 20 to be exposed, it is highly

probable that the water may penetrate into theses equipments. Hence, the present invention further provides a protecting member 100 for preventing the water from accessing the electric equipments 40 [[and 40]] and 70.

Please replace paragraphs [0033] with the following amended paragraph:

[0033] The protecting member 100, as shown in FIG. 2 and FIG. 4, further includes a second rib 120 to prevent the water from accessing the heater 70. The second rib 120 is provided in the vicinity of the heater 70 installed at a sidewall of the tub 20. As mentioned in the foregoing description of the heater 70, the ~~hating~~ heating body 71 is inserted in the tub 20 but the terminal 72 is exposed ~~only~~. Hence, the second rib 120 is provided in the vicinity of the terminal 72 only. Specifically, the second rib 120 protrudes from the outer circumference of the tub 20 to enclose the terminal 72. In order to cut off the water flowing along the outer circumference of the tub 20 more securely, a pair of second ribs ~~120~~ 120a and 120b, as shown in FIG. 4, are preferably provided near right and lefts sides of the terminal 72. Moreover, a pair of the second ribs 120a and 120b downwardly extend in parallel. Hence, the water on the tub 20 is guided by the second ribs 120a and 120b to detour the terminal 72, and then finally falls on the bottom of the housing 10 from the second ribs 120a and 120b. Like the first rib 110, the second rib 120 can be built in one body of the sidewall of the tub 20 or be installed at the sidewall of the tub 20 as a separate member.

Please replace paragraphs [0035] with the following amended paragraph:

[0035] First of all, the present invention provides the protecting member to the electric equipments installed at the tub, and more particularly, to the motor and the ~~hater~~ heater so that the water produced in the washing machine is guided to detour the electric equipments. Therefore, the protecting member prevents the water from accessing the electric equipments, whereby failure or malfunction of the electric equipments is prevented. Furthermore, the protecting member enables to prevent the electric shock or fire. Therefore, the washing machine according to the present invention enables to provide enhanced stability and reliance.